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Different Perspectives on Absentee Ballots

Four sisters, four plans

BY DONNA SWARR

Full disclosure, I have three sisters, three very opinionated sisters, yes, just like me. We have the same parents, were all born in the 1950s. We were all Girls Scouts and completed all of our citizenship badges at each level. Voting is very much ingrained in our DNA. Now we are scattered around the U.S., which makes it a challenge to keep in touch, but does allow us to do some comparison of what is happening nationally.

I watched NPR's Shields and Brooks where they discussed one of Trump's strategies to "win" the election. Most Trump supporters will be going to the polls on Election Day, as he has repeatedly said that the Coronavirus pandemic is a hoax. His supporters in Republican-dominated states have already started court rulings to discount or invalidate absentee voting. Trump plans to declare victory once the polling station results are tabulated. I'm not worried about Connecticut, where I'm confident all ballots will be counted. But I'm worried

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Well Hello, PAL!

A 70-year partnership between HPD and city youth is being revitalized

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Over on Williams Street in Hartford's North End, a collaboration of police officers and volunteers provide a safe, positive, and nurturing space for city schoolchildren age 6-18. After an hour spent on homework and tutoring, music, arts, and culture activities kick in. This is the PAL program, and it fills a much-needed afterschool gap that began years ago after the demise of recreational programming that was once standard in nearly all of Hartford's public schools. Originally known as the Police Athletic League—with a main focus on sports—when it began in Hartford in the early 1950s, in most cities with a PAL presence it's now referred to as the Police

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Raising Domestic Violence Awareness

Despite being closed due to the pandemic, the Park Street Branch of Hartford Public Library will hold its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Thursday, October 22. On Monday, October 5, volunteers (including Teresa Rosario and Lila Ortiz, above) created posters for the walk at the ArtBox, 769 Park Street. The walk on October 22 will start at 11 am at the Hispanic Health Council, 175 Main Street, and end at approximately 12 pm at the ArtBox. The public is welcome to join in. The event was organized by Park Library manager Graciela Rivera and Maria Ortiz from the Hispanic Health Council. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Hart photo)

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The 1968 presidential campaign was as contentious as the one in which we are embroiled in now. This picture shows the candidate Hubert Humphrey's Hartford campaign headquarters on Park Street. The campaign had begun with a surprise victory by anti-war candidate Eugene McCarthy in the New Hampshire Primary. Senator Robert Kennedy then threw his hat into the ring, overshadowing McCarthy. But Kennedy was assassinated in June, 1968 after winning the California Primary and Humphrey managed to pull out the Democratic nomination at the party's convention in Chicago, which was plagued by riots and demonstrations. In a close race, Humphrey lost to Richard Nixon. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library).

NEWS BRIEFS

MARG Meets Tonight

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting tonight, October 8, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. A representative from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) will be on hand to discuss neighborhood concerns. There will also be an update on public safety efforts and concerns in the area. Those attending are required to wear a face mask and follow social distancing regulations. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

Kamora's Corner Open Mic Night Friday

Hartford poet Versatile Poetiq will host a virtual Open Mic Night this Friday, October 9, from 7 - 10 pm. Watch the event live on Facebook @Kamora's Cultural Corner or join the event on Zoom (meeting ID: 870 6626 0386).

Armenian Food Fest October 16 & 17

Saint George Armenian Church of Hartford, 22 White Street (corner of Broad Street), will hold its annual Armenian Food Fest on Friday, October 16, from 3 - 7 pm and on Saturday, October 17, from 11 am - 6 pm. Due to the pandemic, all food must be ordered in advance and picked up at curbside. Order online at: sgarmenianchurch.org/foodfest/. You may also mail in your order with a check to 22 White St., Hartford, CT 06114. Dinners include Shish Kebab, Chicken Kebab, Luleh Kebab, Combo Dinners, Vegetarian Platter; bakery items include Paklava, Choreg, Simit, Khurabia and other pastries. You can also purchase String Cheese, Tourshi, Yalanche, Boreg and more. For more Information, please call Cynthia Messikian at: (860) 568-5792.

"Links At The Yard" at Dunkin' Donuts Park

The Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Club will host a four day golf event at Dunkin Donuts Park, "Links At The Yard,"

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Not a tree hugger?

But I bet you love that shade!

BY DONNA SWARR

In 2014, American Forests and Davey Resource Group created an Urban Tree Canopy Assessment & Planting Plan for the City of Hartford and KNOX. This report included a baseline data set of the existing urban forest, analysis of recent changes and trends, and provided some tools and other resources that will enable the City and the community to manage the reforestation effort. The assessment found that tree canopy covers 25.1% of the City's 11,577 acres. A Tree Canopy Action Plan by TO Design was released this past September; the link to the report is available on the Capital Forest Facebook page. This report was funded through the Partners for Places matching grant program, led by the Funders' Network (TFN) for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, in partnership with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network. The Action Plan is broader than the Davey report. It includes the entire tree canopy, specifically, the trees on private property. Why is that important? About half of Hartford's trees are on private property.

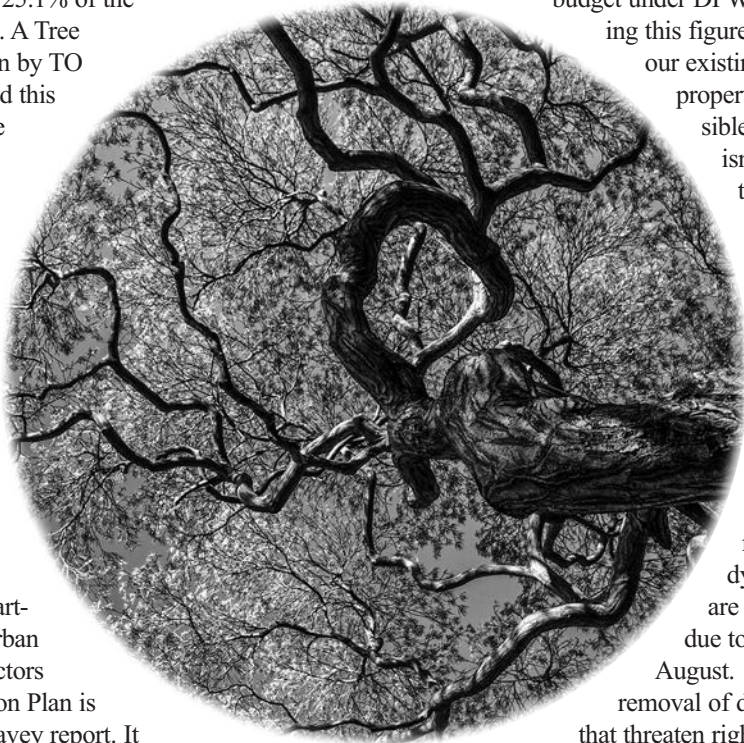
The goal is to have a tree canopy that covers 35% of the City in 50 years. This includes increasing the existing 568,000 trees by 150,000. But just as importantly, it means protecting and caring for the existing trees. The Action Plan is detailed as to how many are to be planted annually on both private property and public. The Hartford Parks Trust Fund has designated a percentage each year to support replacing and planting new trees. Clearly other sources of funding are needed, and with this report, the City can apply for grants and other external funding sources. Funding to assist the private

sector will come from a municipal/non-profit partnership. It will guide and support residents in expanding existing yard trees through programs. KNOX's Trees For Hartford Neighborhood (TFHN) has offered tree giveaways. Suggestions about other ways to entice homeowners include offering incentives and rebate programs.

Maintenance of trees is a line item in the budget under DPW. Without increasing this figure, the protection of our existing trees on public property will not be possible. Maintenance isn't just labor, as there are costs associated with equipment and the applications of treatments for disease protection, e.g. Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. The last-much needed activity is removal of dead or dying trees. There are more than ever due to the storm in August. This includes removal of dead or dying trees that threaten rights of way for pedestrians and vehicles and of course, electric wires. Another way to protect trees is through regulations. Hartford's stringent tree regulations protects the trees in the private sector and acts as a guide for trees on public property as well.

Is it worth the cost and effort? The first reason that comes to everyone's mind is environmental benefits. But I believe the biggest impact in the growth of Hartford's tree canopy will be improving the health of Hartford residents. They clean our air, and make it more comfortable inside and out. The economic impact is that their shade reduces cooling costs and there are significant energy savings.

So even if you aren't a tree hugger, you too will benefit from growing our tree canopy.



Hartford's
FOREST



Library To Re-start Baby Grand Jazz Series Virtually

Hartford Public Library will continue its 2020 Kaman Charitable Foundation Baby Grand Jazz series virtually in November and December.

Performances will take place each Sunday from November 1 through December 6 at 3 pm and can be viewed on HPL's Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube pages.

The 2020 Baby Grand Jazz Series was postponed back in March after the COVID-19 shut-down. Before the the series was put on hold, Baby Grand Jazz smashed previous attendance records, with over 9,000 people attending the 10 performances both in-person and online.

November Schedule

November 1

Local performer Haneef Nelson honors his mentors with his unique style of music.

November 8

Taeko, a singer with a stunning four octave range and deep soulfulness reminiscent of Anita Baker also performs sophisticated scatting like Ella Fitzgerald.

November 15

Trumpeter Ricky Alfonso will perform his Miles Davis-inspired modern jazz.

November 22

Envisage Collective offers its socially conscious jazz music.

November 29

Guitarist Joe Carter plays in a style based in "Samba Jazz."

December 6

Enjoy the vocal stylings of Iris Ornig, one of the most original female voices in New York City's jazz scene.

For more information about the 2020 Baby Grand Jazz series, visit <https://www.hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz>



Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Hartford Blooms...Again

This fall, Hartford will again see a school bus filled with dozens of visitors from far and wide enjoying the city's parks, architecture and, in particular, its magnificent fall foliage. Hartford Blooms Heritage & Garden Tours will visit tall buildings, overlooks and forest trails to get the best views of the changing leaves on Saturday, October 24. The tour will run from 10 am - 2 pm; cost is \$25/person. For details, go to HartfordBlooms.gdn or call 860-422-7937 or 860-296-6128.

In September, the Hartford Blooms tours which had originally been scheduled for May but had to be canceled because of the pandemic were held. The tours, which followed CDC guidelines to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, were sold out. A video of the tour made by our good friend Stan McCauley is available on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Just search for "Hartford Blooms Heritage Tours." It's about 45 minutes long so make

a batch of popcorn and watch it with the whole family. You'll enjoy seeing some of Hartford's most interesting and beautiful places.

The Foliage Tour on October 24 will cover some of the same ground plus some surprises and first-time public visits (details to be announced soon). The overall object of Hartford Blooms Tours is to enhance visitors' appreciation of Connecticut's capital city.

Hartford Blooms will close out the year with its Christian Heritage Tours on Saturday, December 12. We will visit three magnificent Catholic churches in the morning and three historic Protestant churches in the afternoon. Participants will see the beauty of these houses of worship and gain a greater understanding of the role of religion in Hartford history.

And it continues...in 2021! On June 5-13, Hartford Blooms will hold its spring tours. These tours

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You Wanna Sell Me WHAT?

The mysterious life of junk email

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

My spam overfloweth. Yeah, every day 100+ pieces of unsolicited email finds its way to my "Junk" folder. I delete 50-60 of them and a few hours later there's a whole new string of come-ons clamoring for my attention. I know I could take the time to do the unsubscribe thing, but I never have subscribed, and there's a certain sick fascination I get from trying to figure out exactly what it is about me that targets me as a potential customer—a dupe. I'm 70 years old (public information), and that's obviously why several times a day I get offers for burial insurance: Globe Life wants to give me \$50,000 to help pay for my "final expenses". Later on that same afternoon they've upped the ante to \$100,000. This happened 5 times on Sunday, and each email began "If you died tomorrow...". If I die tomorrow the plan is the same it's always been: My kids come over with a couple of heavy-duty contractor bags, bundle me up, put me out on the curb, call DPW, and pay the 75 bucks for a bulky waste pickup. I figure they owe me that much.

But the rest of the offers I can refuse with no regrets. I can find no rhyme or reason for any connection between them and me.

- Bark Begone—the fastest way to stop a barking dog: I'm a cat person
- Your Coca-Cola mini-fridge is here! Why? Did I tell you I wanted one?
- Get George Foreman's #1 Home Warranty: I'm a renter
- Thank You-Derma Correct: My derma is just fine—same as my karma
- Gutter Protector Discount I rent, so no gutters (See George Foreman above)
- 5 Warning signs of Leaky Gut: I don't even want to know what this is
- (Tommy Chong) *Almost Dying Was The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me*: That's hard to believe
- VA housing benefits are going unclaimed: I support vets, but I don't even play one on TV
- Folicall Hair: I'm a spelling Nazi. You are dead to me.
- The Exodus Effect: *Shocking Biblical Secret EXPOSED*: Agnostics 'r' Us
- Fungus Eliminator: I beg your pardon!?

The above have all arrived multiple times during the past year, like Chinese water torture or burning splints under the fingernails; designed to make me crack, break down, and give in just to get them off my back. But none of them have been as stupefying or as persistent as the teasers sent to someone named Anne that promise their products will restore my (non-existent) manhood by enhancing and re-tooling--pun intended-- my (invisible) penis. I am woman, hear me roar...with laughter. You can't make this stuff up.

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BLM Protsters March for Gun Rights

Cassandra X and Cornell Lewis (center) lead a march down Albany Avenue Saturday morning. Behind the pair is Garland Eastman with a Black Live Matter flag. The march was held to demonstrate that Black Americans have as much right to own firearms as any other citizen in order to protect themselves, their families and their community. Cassandra X, a member of the Huey Newton Gun Club, said before the march, “You can’t use your First Amendment Rights [including Freedom of Speech] unless you are allowed to fully exercise your Second Amendment Right [the right to bear arms].” The march began at the intersection of Albany and Woodland Street and continued down Albany to Main Street, where a voter registration table had been set up. (Hart photo)

Winterfest Hartford in Danger of Not Opening This Season

This week, the iQuilt Partnership announced that the Winterfest Skating Rink in Bushnell Park is in danger of not returning this year because of a substantial cut-back in funding due to the current health pandemic. Organizers are 40% of the way to their goal, and hope to close the \$135,000 gap in financing this year with donations from additional corporate sponsors, local foundations, and individuals.

Winterfest Hartford has brought free ice skating, free skate rentals, and free learn-to-skate lessons to Bushnell Park for the past ten years. If the funding goals are met, the 11th season will open on November 27, 2020.

“Unfortunately, we will not be able to bring this amazing family activity back to the capital city without additional financial support,” said iQuilt Partnership Executive Director Jackie Mandyck. “We believe that this outdoor, COVID-19 compliant event is needed more than ever, and we are hopeful that once again, the community will step up and support this great Hartford tradition.”

To donate, go online winterfesthartford.com or mail a check to Winterfest Hartford, c/o The iQuilt Partnership, 31 Pratt Street, 5th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103.

Three More Library Branches To Offer Contact-Free Pick Up

Hartford Public Library is now providing contact-free pickup of library materials at three branches in addition to the Downtown, Campfield and Albany libraries. The three new locations are:

- Mondays, Park Street Library, 744 Park Street
- Tuesdays, Dwight Library, 7 New Park Avenue
- Thursdays, Barbour Library, 261 Barbour Street

Contact-free pickup can also be arranged through our Library on Wheels. Customers can place a hold on library materials online or over the phone. They can then make an appointment to safely pick up their materials.

Check out hplct.libguides.com/pickup for details on how to use Contact-Free Pickup to access library materials and printing.

Mike McGarry

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will include several new sites as well as traditional favorites.

Hopefully, by that time, the restrictions imposed by the pandemic will have been lifted. But you never know. So please watch our website, HartfordBlooms.gdn for details and updates as well as to make your reservations. With seven tours in total, the event will be promoted throughout the Northeast, so make sure to reserve your space early. It will be the ninth year of “Hartford Blooms Heritage Tours: Gardens, History and More!”

One last note: special thanks to the Richard Garmany Fund and Land Rover Hartford. Without their financial support, Hartford Blooms would not be possible. Thanks also to the many organizations, businesses and individuals who have opened their doors to be part of our tours. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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Make Your Voice Heard on Climate Change

BY TOM SWARR

An uptick in COVID-19 cases. A bitter partisan election campaign. Intense storms and power outages. Breonna Taylor. Contentious debate and public protests over police use of excessive force. Business closures and job losses. Congress fighting over a Supreme Court nomination and unable to agree on coronavirus aid. And every day brings new reports warning of a looming climate crisis.

It is tempting to dismiss climate action as a future worry we can tackle after recovering from the more pressing issues. Yet smart climate action can provide more reliable power, improve public health, redress environmental injustices, protect against floods and storms, make neighborhoods more livable, and create jobs and reboot our economy. The Governor’s Council on Climate Change (GC3) is in the process of updating the state’s climate action plan. They want to hear your ideas and comments on proposed recommendations.

The GC3 organized seven work groups to engage a broad range of stakeholders who could bring a diversity of knowledge, perspective, and expertise to develop recommendations for mitigating future greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for impacts of climate change.

- The Progress on Mitigation Strategies group reviewed progress in implementing strategies outlined in the 2018 report.
- The Equity and Environmental Justice group developed a stakeholder engagement process to ensure communities most vulnerable to and disproportionately impacted by climate change had an opportunity to meaningfully participate in the development and review of recommendations.
- The Working and Natural Lands group evaluated the role of nature-based solutions (e.g. preservation of forests, wetlands, green infrastructure, etc.) in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- The Science and Technology group provided sci-

entific and technical support to translate climate data and modeling into actionable information.

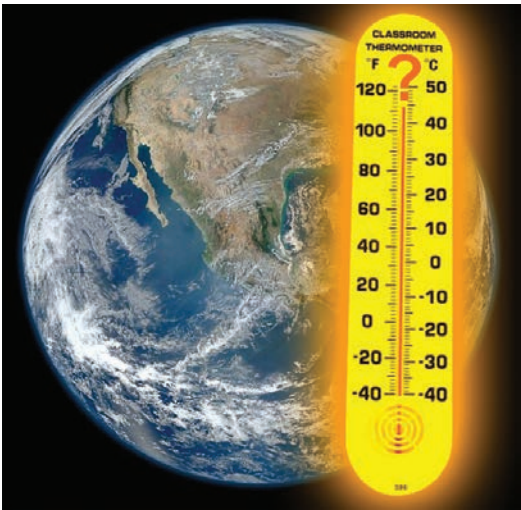
- The Infrastructure and Land Use Adaptation group provided recommendations for adapting our buildings, utilities, and transportation and integrating climate change into land use planning and policies.
- The Public Health and Safety Adaptation group provided recommendations to address impacts in the areas of air quality, vector-borne diseases, extreme events, food security, and mental health and well-being.
- The Finance and Funding Adaptation and Resilience group identified innovative and practical options to scale investments in the broad spectrum of climate resilience strategies and solutions.

Copies of the draft reports produced by each working group are available on the DEEP web site- <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/GC3-Working-group-reports>.

However, the sheer volume of information in the reports can be intimidating. DEEP is also hosting public forums on Zoom. You can register for any future forums here - <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Public-Forums>. The forums are recorded, so you can watch them any time at your convenience.

You do not need to be a climate expert to comment. In fact, even if you do not care about climate change, the GC3 wants to hear from you on what improvements would make your neighborhood healthier and safer. Many climate actions will provide immediate benefits – planting trees, more public transit options, easier access to energy efficiency and clean energy, and green infrastructure to manage storm water runoff.

Make your voice heard. The public review wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 4:30 PM. Comments are due by Wednesday, Oct 21, and should be sent by email to deep.climatechange@ct.gov.



Absentee Ballots

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about the states that two of my sisters live in, Iowa and Maine. In both states the Republican party is in control. I asked them what their plans were for voting and if they really thought or knew if their legislators are trying to invalidate absentee ballots. During the Shields and Brooks discussion I was reminded that the actual election isn’t over until December when the electors cast the Electoral College votes. Has it ever happened that the electors in each state did not

cast their votes with the candidate that had the most votes? There have been some rumors that this time they may not do so. Is this propaganda?

The sister living in Maine plans to vote in person. She doesn’t think there will be any issues regarding the electors. Senator Susan Collins is “pretty definitely out.” Every registered voter did receive an absentee ballot request form in the mail. What’s different in this election, she told me, is that people are wary of claiming to support either candidate. Her son

in Pittsburgh and daughter in eastern California say they’re seeing support for Trump.

The sister that lives in Iowa commented that both the niece and nephew are living in areas that have consistently supported Trump. She believes that “It’s the suburbs; stupid; younger, darker and motivated.” She’s planning to vote by absentee ballot as she is in

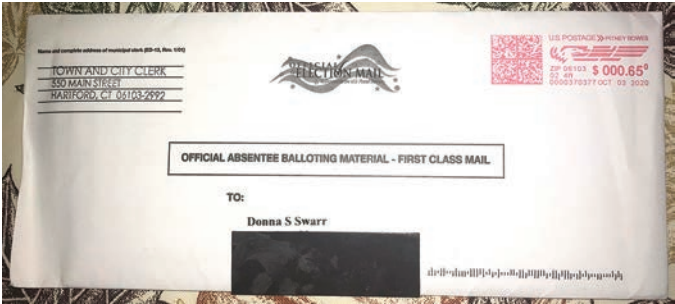
economy for farm commodities is wavering. Iowa went from 3% unemployment to 12% due to COVID-19. The Iowa economy in general is not good doing well. She believes that this time around there are some strong Democratic women candidates running in opposition to Republican candidates.

My Connecticut sister, the baby, plans to vote in person. As I mentioned, my sisters and I are dedicated voters. But other folks are not, for reasons of their own. There are many barriers to voting. Many people in Hartford move frequently and forget to update their registration information (easy peasy now - you do it online). Some people work two and three jobs, and coordinating their day is complicated enough without trying to squeeze in going to a polling location close to where they live, but not necessarily easy for them to get to between the hours of 6am and 8pm. Absentee voting makes it easy. You can mail it or drop it off at four locations in the city. And you can do it right away when you get your ballot or up until November 2nd at 5 pm.

Please just vote.

the higher end of the high-risk group. She also firmly believes that all absentee ballots will be counted.

The polls in Iowa put Biden and Trump running neck and neck. And that may very well be how the election goes, with half of the electors supporting Biden and half supporting Trump. Health care is a really big issue right now in Iowa; 45 rural hospitals are closing in Iowa. She believes that Trump’s China policies have cost many farmers any chance at a profit on the corn they’re growing and the



POETRY BY MICHELLE R. MCFARLAND

Civility Matters

I am tired of the pandemic.
I am tired of rude people.
I am tired of people driving crazy.
I am tired of people who complain but do not vote.
I am tired of people who think masks are optional.
Social distancing is barely respected.
I have redirected a couple of courageous people to get away from me.
This is not the time to be rude and disrespectful to people you do not know.
We are all in the same situation together.
News flash folks there is not a thing you really can do to change things.
As we wait for a vaccine, schools, churches and bars to open, let’s work on being kind.
If not now, when? We have had enough alone time to practice.
I get it. As the old adage says, “when you know better, you do better. No more excuses.
We need civility to make a comeback in a big way. The world is chaotic and toxic.
Do your part to keep the peace and just be nice.
Or stay home.

Why Black Lives Should Matter

I am sick of black men being murdered like dogs in the street.
How many more must die in order to stop this genocide before our eyes?
It is wrong.
Period.
There is no good way to comfortably kill people who are unarmed or not even resisting arrest.
Nationwide these stories continue to dominate the headlines day after day.
Black people are tired on all levels.
We are always fighting to be heard, respected and treated fairly.
This is our reality everyday.
At home, in the community on the job, it is an ongoing theme: Keep Fighting,
Well we are tired of fighting and talking about why black lives matter.
Let’s start by being honest.
We are not “ok”. And slavery has everything to do with it.
Black people were stolen and forced to build up a country with our bare hands and strong backs.
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Pratt Street Closed to Traffic through October 31 to Promote Downtown Businesses

Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford will be closed to all vehicular traffic and parking for 29 days. The block-long street will remain closed to traffic, 24-hours-a-day, through Saturday, October

For any questions or more information, please contact HBID Director of Placemaking & Events, Chip McCabe at cmc-cabe@hartfordbid.com or 860-770-0788.



Vocalist Desiree Camille shares a joke with her guitarist in between songs at a Pratt Street Patio performance on Friday, September 25. The performances will continue this month on October 8, 9, 15, 16, 23 and 30. (Hart photo)

31 at 11 p.m. The project will be managed by the Hartford Business Improvement District (HBID), per the direction of the City of Hartford.

The purpose of this closure is to encourage people to come Downtown and enjoy nearby restaurants and shops during the colorful Fall month of October. Every day between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Hartford BID Ambassadors will place tables, chairs, and umbrellas on Pratt Street for public use. Pratt Street also features multiple options for on-street dining, including Sorella, Sunberry Café, and the newly re-opened Vaughan’s Public House. Free, high-powered WiFi will be available to all those outside on the street, courtesy of Blue Haus Group and sponsored by Shelbourne and the Hartford BID.

This marks the first time that the Hartford BID will host the patio-like scene on a closed Pratt Street for almost a full month. In past years, the set-up has been only on weekdays for limited hours between May and October.

In addition, live performances will also continue on Pratt Street this month. Performers include:

- Thursday, October 8 - Jaden Castro & AQMNI
- Friday, October 9 - Rohn Lawrence
- Thursday, October 15 - Seth Adam
- Friday, October 16 - Don Minot
- Friday, October 23 - Canyon
- Friday, October 30 - TBD

Hartford Athletic Play First Playoff Game Saturday at Dillon Stadium

In a historic finish to the 2020 USL Championship Regular Season, Hartford Athletic has emerged as the winner of Group F and the second seed in the Eastern Conference as it heads into the playoffs. In its first ever playoff match, Hartford will take on Saint Louis FC on October 10th at 7pm at Dillon Stadium. Hartford secured home field with a 2-0 win over the New York Red Bulls II Sunday night, October 4.

“Climching our first playoff berth and hosting our first round match is a monumental moment for Hartford Athletic, the City of Hartford, and the State of Connecticut,” said Hartford Athletic Chairman Bruce Mandell. “This match will be the biggest game in Hartford professional sports since 1986, and we are so proud to host it at Dillon Stadium. Thank you to the State and City for their leadership throughout this season, making it possible to welcome fans safely and enjoyably. Thank you to our amazing fans, players, staff, and partners for their

unparalleled passion and dedication. Dillon Stadium has the best homefield advantage in the league, and I wouldn't want to play us right now. It's win or go home time, and we plan on winning.”

Single game tickets went on sale to the public at 10 AM on Wednesday, October 7. Fans interested in purchasing tickets can visit HartfordAthletic.com.

Pursuant to the State of Connecticut’s Phase Three Reopening plan, Hartford Athletic matches at Dillon Stadium have been approved by both the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford to host fans at 40% capacity. Full health protocols will continue to be in place including masks required at all times in stadium, cleaning crews sanitizing throughout the match, designated entry and exit based on seating section, increased stadium staff and security, and many more to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

For more information visit HartfordAthletic.com.

Horror Movie Fest Oct. 20-24

Just in time for Halloween, the Hartford Business Improvement District (BID) will host its second annual Horror Movie Fest from Tuesday, October 20 through Saturday, October 24, on Constitution Plaza in Downtown Hartford. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, tickets are being sold in “pods.” Each pod can hold up to four people. Pods will be spaced at a safe distance. Tickets are \$20 per pod. Food is \$10 extra. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. For tickets, go to; hartford.com/spooky-popcorn/.

Showtimes for all movies is 6:30 pm. This year’s schedule is:

- Tuesday, October 20: *Ten Minutes to Midnight*
- Wednesday, October 21: *Beetlejuice*
- Thursday, October 22: *Night of the Living Dead*
- Friday, October 23: *Us*
- Saturday, October 24: *The Thing* (1982 version)

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Well Hello, PAL

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Activities League, reflecting the modern-day need for positive role models in several areas of urban youth development.

The roots of PAL:

Although more than 100 years have passed, remarkably, the motivation and the goals behind the origins of PAL resonate and are still relevant in 2020. In 1914, New York City Police Commissioner Arthur Woods began a social movement that would eventually be known as the Police Athletic League. He was concerned for the poor children who lived in congested tenements and organized a city-wide search for vacant lots to be converted into playgrounds. He also set aside city blocks where traffic was prohibited. A goal of the program was to reduce tensions between police officers and youth. When Woods inspected play streets, mothers rushed to thank him, and children cheered his efforts. The Police Athletic League was reorganized in 1936 when NYC Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine obtained a list of 5,000 truants to enroll in PAL. Said President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "I hope PAL Week will serve to focus attention on the constructive character building program of the Crime Prevention Bureau."

Memories of Hartford PAL, 1950s-1970s:

PAL offered a wide variety of activities for Hartford kids back in



the early days, first and foremost sports lessons, training and team competition. There was baseball, basketball, Golden Gloves boxing, the PAL Marauders football team, tennis, and golf. There was also a Fife & Drum Corps and a Drum & Bugle Corps, color guard, dances, the Miss PAL contest and coronation, and an annual Christmas party for inner-city youth. Dozens of clippings from the Hartford Courant and Hartford Times archives trace the local organization's development through words and photographs. Some former pal members offered up their own reminiscences.

Nancy Clemens: "My Dad, Walter Clemens, was the first president of PAL. He retired from the police department in 1957. I know

he was very proud to have been on the police department and president of PAL. I never stopped to think what an impact this program had, and hopefully still does, on the children of Hartford. I hope the kids and the police learned from each other trust, tolerance and love.

Jim Goshdigian: "I played PAL basketball back in the 1950s. The gym was at the old Hartford police station on Morgan Street, adjacent to the lockup. In 1956 PAL sponsored a golf tournament at Goodwin Park Golf Course. I was 10 years old, and it was the first tournament I ever played in. The cops were good to the kids. One in particular – Joe Bordonaro – stands out in my memory. PAL also sponsored a Little League baseball team that was part of the Art McGinley League (McGinley was a famed sports reporter for the

Hartford Times, and the baseball field at Hyland Park was named for him.). I played against them, first for the Teamsters and then Eight Ball for four years in the 1950s at McGinley Field."

Anonymous: "I think they also sponsored tennis lessons in Goodwin Park—early 1970s. I was 10 years old and my friends and I each received brand new tennis racquet, lessons, and an end of season bus trip to the U.S. Open at Forest Hills in the summer of 1973, all at no cost. We saw Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, and Arthur Ashe play, among others."

Andy Bartman: The summer I turned 13, in an effort to find a way to bond with my dad, I got signed up for golf lessons offered by PAL, taught at Goodwin Park Golf Course. I got some old wooden-shaft golf clubs that my dad sawed off so I could hold them at a reasonable height, and my mom and I walked the three miles to the course with my bag of clubs on my back many days that summer so I could learn golf skills while my mom patiently read a book. I practiced the swings and the putting with a very kind and patient man from the PAL and played nine holes three or four times with a couple other girls. I was small for my age, and never got hooked on the game because it seemed like an awful lot of hot work for not much reward. I never broke 100 on the "flat 9" where the learners and the hackers sweated it out. My dad was proud of me for trying, and our golf relationship stayed limited to the miniature courses in the area, aiming for the windmills and the clown heads. So that summer wasn't the beginning of a lifetime of golf, but I still have the photo from the Courant of me posing as a golfer getting ready for a swing with my PAL coach proudly looking on."

Carl Foster: "Every time I see people marching in the street carrying signs and saying anything about police, my response is to talk about the Hartford PAL. Whenever the topic of trouble between police and Black communities comes, up I say "Well, I love the white police officer who taught me how to play my instrument. My greatest personal heroes outside of the people who raised me were the grownups who ran the Hartford PAL Officer Charlie Bassos and Patty Visconti's mom; I always called her "Momma Visconti". All those fife and Drum competitions. All those trips to Lake Compounce. All those bus rides half-a-century ago, sitting in the back horsing around and talking with the other members of the drum line, including Lyndor and Donnie Degenea--the first white people I ever called my friends. I started when I was 12 and stayed through my first year at HPHS. So it was almost 60 years ago and I not only remember it like it was yesterday, I can actually describe the sounds and the smell of every step of my walk from my home on Florence Street in the North End to the police station, then located under a bridge at the intersection of Interstate 84 and Interstate 91. From Florence I made a right turn

onto Main Street. I would look left to Temkin's Drug store, which I remember as the place where the man was nice to my father. I would Cross Belden Street and the firehouse to my right. The people who were there always spoke to me. Yes, I remember the smells as I travelled. There was a small park or more accurately a patch of green at the intersection and Main and Albany Ave, across from the Firestone store. There were always winos in the park. I would cross at that point so I could press my nose against the glass at the Firestone store and look at the new bikes and wish I had one. I would continue on past the bell tower on my left. I would smile as I walked past Barnard-Brown Middle School where Helen Phelan had been my 4th grade teacher. When I arrived home, Patty's mom was waiting at the top of the stairs and she would tell me to pull up my pants. She would always remind me that the Hartford PAL Fife & Drum Corps were state champions, and that we must always think about how we look even when we are not wearing our uniforms. Every kid should have this experience and know those people. I love Charlie Bassos. I love Patty's mom. If you ask me how to fix the world, I would say create more Police Athletic Leagues."

Hartford PAL today:

The vacant Quirk Middle School is primed to enter a new phase—its transformation into a new building that will house Hartford's reconstituted PAL program for city youth ages 6-18, and the HPD Training Academy. The \$6.5 million project is slated for completion in January 2021, with funding secured through the assistance of State Senators John Fonfara and Doug McCrory. "Now we'll be able to operate the program as it's intended to be", said former Hartford Town Clerk and current PAL Executive Director John Bazzano. The PAL program is "...about building trust by bringing community youth together with city police officers who can serve as role models", said Bazzano, and he added that "Now more than ever is the time to focus on this." The Police Activities League in today's Hartford focuses on mentoring the city's schoolchildren, (and volunteers also assist with the one-on-one tutoring that takes place during the first hour of mandatory homework at the afterschool program.) There's also a healthy dose of non-academic activities, including music, arts, and culture. A plan is taking shape to incorporate a full-fledged music program, and Bazzano—an avid golfer himself—would like to add more golf to the PAL program by taking advantage of the proximity of the city's two excellent public courses.

Serving four generations of Hartford kids to date, the look may be different, but the goals and the benefits of the PAL program have stayed the same since its inception: "Strengthening kids, Strengthening community."

For more information on Hartford PAL, or to volunteer, please call 860-757-4305, or email www.hartfordpal.org.



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October 14th through October 17th. Golfers of all ability levels will have the opportunity to play par 3 target-style holes from many elevated areas of the ballpark. The Yard Goats have partnered with Callaway Golf to bring “Links at the Yard” to Hartford for the third year in a row. Reservations are available by visiting online at www.yard-goatsbaseball.com. Golfers may select groups of 2-6 players, and the price is \$32 per round. New for 2020: a hole-in-one on #7 wins Dunkin’ Coffee for a year! A limited number of tee times are available. All golfers will be required to bring their own clubs; clubs will not be provided at the course. Golfers will be required to wear a mask upon entry, and hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the course. Social distancing practices will be observed.

CCC Hosts Lecture and Tour Series

Capital Community College (CCC), 950 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, is currently hosting the Hartford Public Lecture and Tour Series. The next lecture will be on Wednesday, October 21, at 6 pm. Tracey Wilson will discuss “Women’s Suffrage and More: Edna Purtell and Mary Townsend Seymour.” In addition, local historian William Hosley will lead a tour entitled “Hartford Art and

Art Patrons at the Wadsworth Atheneum,” which will be live-streamed on Facebook this Saturday, October 10, starting at 10 am. There are very limited in-person spaces for both the tour and the lecture. To reserve your space, please email Bill Hosley at wnhosley@snet.net or call 860-944-8349. Tours will also be available online.

Interval House Brunch with Champions Oct. 11

Interval House will host Brunch

with Champions, a virtual version of the organization’s annual Breakfast with Champions, on Sunday, October 11, at 11 am. Broadcast live from kitchens across the region, attendees will learn how to make a signature cocktail from Hartford Flavor Company owner and mixologist Lelaneia Dubai, and then be led through the creation of a decadent brunch entrée by Max Restaurant Group Culinary Director Hunter Morton. Interval House President & CEO Mary-Jane Foster will pro-

vide an update on the state of affairs at Interval House. To register, go to: <https://intervalhouse.salsalabs.org/brunchofchampions>.

HPL Seeks Musicians for Baby Grand Jazz Series

Hartford Public Library is accepting submissions for its 2021 Baby Grand Jazz series, which runs 16 Sundays from January through April. These popular free concerts have been a staple of Hartford Public Library since 2004. The

concert series boasted its highest attendance in 2020. Ensembles must include a pianist who will play the Library’s grand piano. HPL will livestream the concerts on HPL’s Facebook and YouTube channel. These will be virtual performances, no live audience. The library is accepting rolling submissions; deadline for the 2021 series is October 16th 2020. For information about the Baby Grand Jazz series, visit hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz

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BY WILFREDO AYALA



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Especialmente hay personas que no quieren salir a la calle, mayormente las personas de avanzada edad que están sufriendo por estos problemas de conductores irresponsable. Le pedimos a jefe de la policía de Hartford que tome cartas en el asunto y que ya no hallan más muertes en las calles de Hartford y más seguridad en las calles.

Connecticut Emite Pautas Para Halloween En Medio De La Pandemia De COVID-19

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Connecticut publicó el jueves una nueva serie de pautas que detallan cómo los residentes deben celebrar Halloween este año en medio de la pandemia de COVID-19.

El estado le está pidiendo a cualquiera que haya viajado a uno de los estados en el aviso de viaje de Connecticut entre el 16 de octubre y el 30 de octubre que no salga de su casa para una actividad de Halloween o reparta dulces de Halloween.

Recomendaciones para recoger dulces

- El dulce o truco tradicional es una actividad de alto riesgo. En cambio, el CDC y CT DPH recomiendan participar en un dulce o truco de una sola vía donde se colocan bolsas de golosinas o un tazón grande de dulces fuera de su casa para que las familias lo tomen y se vayan mientras continúan con la distancia social.
- Si está preparando bolsas de golosinas, lávese las manos con agua y jabón durante al menos 20 segundos antes y después de preparar las bolsas.
- Para las personas que eligen repartir dulces:
- Antes de abrir la puerta,

asegúrese de que su cubierta facial esté colocada sobre su nariz y boca, lávese o desinfecte sus manos antes de abrir la puerta.

- Permanezca a dos metros del que pide dulces.
- Coloque los dulces dentro de la bolsa del niño por ellos en lugar de que ellos mismos los saquen del cuenco.
- Los hogares que ofrecen dulces pueden instalar estaciones de desinfectante de manos afuera o los padres / tutores pueden llevar uno consigo.
- Los padres / tutores deben limitar el número de hogares que visitan sus hijos.
- No se recomienda pedir dulces con personas fuera de su hogar.
- Permanezca a seis pies de distancia de personas fuera de su hogar en todo momento.
- Todos los participantes del dulce o truco deben usar una máscara o una cubierta facial mientras estén afuera en todo momento.

- Una máscara de disfraz (como para Halloween) no sustituye a un paño o una máscara quirúrgica. No se debe usar una máscara de disfraz a menos que esté hecha de dos o más capas de tela transpirable que cubra la boca y la nariz y no deje espacios alrededor de la cara.
- No use una máscara de disfraz sobre un paño protector o una máscara quirúrgica porque puede ser peligroso si la máscara de disfraz dificulta la respiración. En su lugar, considere usar una máscara de tela con el tema de Halloween.
- No use una máscara de goma de disfraz sobre otra cubierta facial de ningún tipo.

Recomendaciones para fiestas de Halloween Eventos a considerar

- En lugar de fiestas en casa en persona, organice eventos virtuales de Halloween, p. Ej. concursos de disfraces virtuales.

- Organizar eventos de Halloween en vehículos, p. Ej. decoración de casas de barrio o de ciudad.
- Prepare búsquedas del tesoro de dulces en los hogares con los miembros de su hogar.
- Tenga una noche de películas de Halloween con las personas de su hogar.

Eventos a evitar

- Fiestas grandes que superen las 25 personas en interiores o 150 personas al aire libre
- Organizar una fiesta en el interior que exceda las 25 personas en el interior o 150 personas al aire libre puede resultar en una multa de \$ 500
- Asistir a una fiesta que exceda las reglas de asistencia puede resultar en una multa de \$ 250
- Grandes desfiles con temática de Halloween donde no se puede mantener el distanciamiento físico.
- Casas embrujadas interiores donde la gente puede estar hacienda y gritando
- Paseos en heno o tractor con personas que no están en su hogar
- Dulce o truco tradicional en el que se entregan golosinas a los niños que van de puerta en puerta (consulte los consejos de dulce o truco a continuación)
- Eventos de baúl o golosinas en los que los automóviles se reúnen en un gran estacionamiento y permiten que los niños se muevan de un automóvil a otro para recoger dulces.

Guía adicional:

- Los restaurantes que elijan albergar eventos con temática de Halloween deben adherirse estrictamente a la guía de capacidad y distancia física como se describe en las Reglas del sector.
- Los colegios y universidades deben considerar alternativas a las fiestas de disfraces en el campus o al dulce o truco entre los dormitorios, ya que estas actividades serán un desafío para mantener el distanciamiento físico. La guía para las actividades seguras de Halloween se debe compartir ampliamente con los estudiantes dentro y fuera del cam



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